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HERE COMES THE JUBILEE!

Fifty years ago, Reston was barely a town, Dulles did not exist, and the population of the greater DC area was around 2 million people.

Now, Reston is a town of almost 60,000 on track to 100,000, we are in the center of the most thriving economy of the area, and the region tops out at 6 million people.

When NVHC's founders came together, they boldly stood at the front edge of this growth, but they were a Tamid Iso walking in familiar Jewish territory. In 1966, Jews joined synagogues. That is just what Jews did. A Jew without a synagogue was rare, isolated, and willfully avoiding his or her own Jewish identity. Our founders did the hard work of creating the institution of NVHC, keeping it funded, building our building, and hiring its staff, but they had the strong tail-winds of Jewish communal attitudes of the mid-20th Century. Jews joined. That's what we did.

Today, the hard work is different. We have a stable budget, building and staff, so instead we fight head-winds of Jewish individualism, anti-institutionalism, and ambivalence. The Jew that joins is in the minority. So NVHC can and must focus less on the logistics of running a synagogue, and more on the purpose and experience of our community.

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Perspective By Cantor Susan Caro

HEALING HEARTS



When I was a young girl, my grandparents took me to see some of the Victorian Era comic operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan – The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, The Gondoliers, H.M.S. Pinafore. They were crazy, fun productions, with entertaining music and extravagant costumes. Admittedly, some of the lyrics and content were a little over my head; what I remember most about the whole experience was my grandparents' insistence on listening to recordings and reading through the libretti together, before we would see the performance. They would talk with me about the upcoming show, for they wanted me to get the most out of the experience. It really made a difference for me in appreciating and understanding what I was seeing and hearing.

This kind of preparation still holds true for me today. When I take the time (make the

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Congregational Learning

SERVING THE NEEDS OF ALL OUR LEARNERS

By Rabbi Jessica Wainer

I am so thrilled to be serving as the Director of Congregational Learning for NVHC! When I came to visit NVHC for my interview, I knew then that this was the right place for me. I felt the warmth of all of the congregants. I felt the passion for Judaism as I interacted with people of all ages. And most importantly, I saw the immense dedication to education that was and has continued to be conveyed to me through the actions of everyone in this congregation.

From the time that I began rabbinical school, I knew that education was going to play a large role in my rabbinate. However, it was only after completing a Master's in Education and serving in congregations across the Midwest that I knew I wanted to serve a congregation. Working within a synagogue affords me the opportunity to work with a wide range of people and age groups. In my job as the Director of Congregational Learning, I will be able to work with our youngest and our most-seasoned members. I cherish the days when I find myself learning from the preschool students, working with our b'nai mitzvah students, and later having theological debates with our lifelong learners.

One of the most important educational philosophies that I bring with me to NVHC comes from Proverbs 22:6. Here we learn that we should "teach every child according to their way." No longer is it acceptable to take a cookie cutter approach to education, and in particular, to Jewish education. Rather each child, and each person, who walks through our doors is a unique individual with unique needs. By recognizing every person's needs, we will be able to better serve learners of all ages in our community. In teaching every person according to their way, we are acknowledging that learning is an individual process, and while we learn in group settings, each person learns in their own way and at their own rate.

Rabbi Menahem Mendel of Kotzk teaches, "*If you truly wish your children to study Torah, study it yourself in their presence. They will follow your example. Otherwise, they will not themselves study Torah, but will simply instruct their children to do so.*" We set the example for the current and future generations of Reform Jews. By embracing all facets of education, by appreciating the old and opening ourselves up to the new, we set ourselves up to be engaged and educated learners who are setting a precedent for the future.

I am excited for the upcoming year to meet and learn with students of all ages, and to engage in meaningful educational opportunities. I look forward to learning from and with all of you as we join together on our journeys toward engagement and study with our texts and traditions. ♦

Welcome to Rabbi Wainer

We invite you to join us at one of the following open houses to spend time getting to know Rabbi Jessica Wainer, NVHC's Director of Congregational Learning. It is also a great time to schmooze with your NVHC friends. Light refreshments will be served.

You will see Rabbi Wainer leading Kehillat Limmud, Tamid, and Lifelong Learning. She will be leading services and providing pastoral support.

Join us at NVHC in the Multi-purpose Room on **Wednesday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m.**

Andy and Susan Cohen open their home on **Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.**
2944 Gray Street
Oakton, VA 22124

For the August 24th and 25th parties, kindly RSVP by **Friday, August 19th** to Elaine Bowling at Elaine@nvhcreston.org or phone Elaine at (703) 437-7733. ♦

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WHEN WE LISTEN CAREFULLY

By David Selden • President, Board of Trustees

When we listen carefully and deeply, we experience something remarkable. More than listening solely to the words expressed, better than quickly responding to a question, a plea, or a challenge, we create the opportunity to engage a person's heart and soul. Thus, thoughtful dialog becomes possible. Understanding, collaboration, and fruitful relationships of integrity find purchase.

This learning was powerfully brought home to me when I had the privilege of participating in a meeting organized by our Inclusion Committee, where Nathan Weissler, a young man who lives with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), spoke about his challenges and successes adapting to his disability. Nathan educated me about living with ASD, and how we, as individuals, and NVHC, as a community, can better support and embrace people and families with ASD. I thank him for this. I am in his gratitude for teaching me why this is important by inspiring me, and all attending, to listen carefully to his heartfelt and soulful message.

Standing cheek by jowl with a cluster of individuals enjoying a reception preceding the Holocaust Museum's National Tribute Dinner, I encountered another inspiring young man. He smiled at me and I returned the smile, leaned over to him saying, "So what brings you here

tonight?" He spoke, but I neither heard nor understood his response. Sure, the room was overflowing with noisy conversation, greetings of old friends, and anticipation. But honestly, his soft-spoken accent almost dissuaded me from pursuing conversation further. With curiosity holding my position, I persisted. Why was he here amongst us?

Adeeb came to this country from Darfur in 2009. He has not returned since. Adeeb has stories to tell that found their empathetic embrace at the Holocaust Museum. Adeeb is getting his Ph.D. in Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. He believes in the lessons learned from the *Shoah*: "*What you do matters.*" As a practicing Muslim and survivor, he believes that only by coming together in our diversity and common humanity can we make a stand against hatred, bigotry, and irrational violence.

I told him why I was there and about NVHC and our relationship with the Adams Center. I shared with him the night I encountered a huge pile of shoes outside the social hall where our Muslim brothers and sisters were praying during Ramadan. His smile lit up the room, and clapping me on the back, said: "*What you do matters!*"

It all starts with listening carefully. ♦

WELCOME RABBI JESSICA WAINER



We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Jessica Wainer joined NVHC as our Director of Congregational Learning as of July 5, 2016.

Rabbi Wainer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jewish studies from Indiana University - Bloomington, a Master of Education with a specialization in Judaic Studies from Xavier University, a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institution of Religion (HUC-JIR), and Rabbinic Ordination from HUC-JIR.

Originally from outside of Chicago, Rabbi Wainer served as a student rabbi and rabbinical intern in West Virginia, Michigan, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Rabbi Wainer has worked with people of all ages, and is thrilled to bring all that she has learned from her various educational experiences to NVHC. Jessica will focus her work primarily on Kehillat Limmud, Tamid, our youth groups, and our Lifelong Learning program. In addition, she will provide Clergy and Pastoral support to the congregation.

Jessica is excited to immerse herself in the culture and history of Reston and NVHC as she becomes a part of this amazing community.

Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Wainer to our NVHC family! ♦



Preschool

SCHOOL YEAR 2015 – 2016: A REVIEW

By Cindi Drake • Director of Early Childhood Education

Graduating our Pre-K class and sending them off to kindergarten is always a time – a day – of reflection. Each year I put together a video to show at graduation. For the graduates, it chronicles their time here. Sometimes, that began in the Toddler & Me class, mostly in the two-year-old class, and occasionally later. For the teachers and me, it gives us a chance to revisit programs and evaluate what we teach and why.

The video is forty to fifty photos captured in seven minutes. Capturing those forty photos requires viewing at least three years of photos, and hundreds of photos of the graduates and all the other children in school, and the year they are in the Pre-K class. And it is this exercise that helps me evaluate what we do here.

Videotaping is a common tool for evaluating performance;

it is used often in student teaching. But it is also useful to view children engaging in various school activities. Here we see what is working very clearly and what is not working, and, when thinking back, what we thought worked. From their first day of school, until they hear Pomp and Circumstance played by the *Flat Tireds* at their graduation, our children are intentionally engaged in important activities. Torah and challah baking, Yoga and art. Letters and numbers, building, cooking, sorting, and flying paper airplanes fill their days.

Happily, I can report the *State of our School* is sound and strong, and continually moving forward with excellent and innovative programming. ♦



Challah



Sofer



Cantor Caro



Yoga



Graduation



Art



Rabbi Holzman



1st Day of School

Todah Rabah

The Preschool Wishes to Thank . . .

Marcia and Leslie Platt for a generous donation to the Preschool Fund.

Kay Menchel for purchasing a Buddy Bench for the preschool playground.

The Harmon Family for donating a crib to grandparents in need!

All of our Preschool Families for their weekly donation of food for the Forest Edge Backpacking Program.

All of our Preschool Families for their weekly Tzedakah donations, which will go to Heifer International.

Tot Shabbat

COME GET THAT SHABBAT FEELING!

August 6th, 9:00 a.m.

Meet us in the multi-purpose room for this lively Shabbat morning service designed just for young children (up to age 5) and their families (including older and younger siblings). Miss Nell (Hirsch), NVHC's children's music specialist, leads the service. We sing, we dance, we pray, and we learn a little Torah with the Rabbi or Cantor.

After our service, Cindi Drake, our Director of Early Childhood Education, engages the children in a fun activity or craft. Our Oneg is a time for all to enjoy each other's company – our old friends and our new ones.

We hope you and your children will be there to share it. ♦

Pancake Shabbat

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Services...9:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast...10:30 a.m.

*Pancakes and Toppings Galore!
Music and stories for our young guests!*

Conversation for our more mature guests!



For Prospective/New Members
AND Preschool Families!

Come "flip" out over NVHC!

Please RSVP to Mozelle Stanton at (703) 437-7733
or via email to mozelle@nvhcreston.org

COMMUNITY BUILDING IN CONGREGATIONS AND AT CAMP

By Adam Zemel • Youth Engagement Coordinator

Camp Harlam, a URJ Camp in the Poconos, is my summer home. I am six weeks into my 16th summer here at Camp Harlam; 8 summers as a camper, 8 summers on staff. However, this is the first time that I have been at camp thinking about how to apply the lessons I learn from my job here, where I supervise a unit of seventy 15-year-olds, to my job outside of camp, where I will be working to create Jewish experiences for the kids of NVHC.

If you ask someone who grew up here at Harlam what is so special about our camp, or Jewish summer camp in general, you are likely to get an answer such as “Camp changes lives!” or “I’ve made memories here that will stay with me for years!” Both of these answers are true, and speak to the difference that camp can make in people’s lives. However, those answers feel a little vague as a basis to approach my new job in Reston.

Instead, I zoom out from these testimonials and look at the big picture. Camp succeeds at encouraging children to engage with their Judaism because it is a transformative community that creates the space for people to thrive each summer. I want to briefly describe three ways which camp makes this happen that I hope to bring to my job as youth engagement coordinator at NVHC.

1) Camp has a shared language. Mostly we speak English, but mix in a healthy amount of Hebrew, some camp-specific slang, and all the names of the buildings and spaces (the *Beit*, the Mo, the L-Pool, etc.), and you create a common language that bonds

the community together with a sense of belonging, being ‘in,’ and being understood.

2) Camp is rooted in values. While Harlam has a *middah*, or value of the week, such as courage or humility, camp’s relationship with its values is actually far more subtle and pervasive. Living at camp instills important values such as authenticity, self-discovery, gratitude, and true friendship. Camp is committed to these values, and being part of a community that stands for something and aspires to fulfill an ideal is inspiring.

3) Camp’s culture is “thick.” Living at camp is a 24/7 experience, and when you are here, you feel fully immersed in the camp’s culture. There are longstanding traditions and events, tons of group singing and prayer, a familiar geography, important stories that are passed from counselor to camper, and even a Founding Father—Arie Gluck, camp’s director for 37 years. These individual pieces—and many more—combine into a cultural whole that is larger than the sum of its parts. This gives our community a shared history and connection to something bigger than ourselves.

At NVHC, my goal will be to create a sense of being in a community with as much transformative potential as the one I experience here at camp each summer. This year, as we get to know each other, I invite you to join me in imagining ways to bring that community into being. Enjoy the rest of your summer! ♦

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1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. (3 days)
1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. (5 days)
1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. (3 days)

For more information, contact Cindy Drake, Director of Early Childhood Education at cdrake@nvhcreston.org.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
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We're So Proud of our High School Grads!

Jamie Crotty will be attending Radford University.

Cole Friedman will be attending Virginia Tech.

Casey Grage will be attending Northwestern University.

Taryn Hannam-Zatz will be attending Christopher Newport University.

Jared Levin will be attending the Honors College, and the Pamplin Business School, at Virginia Tech.

Patrick Dyson LaRock will be attending George Mason University.

Jeremy Levine will be attending University of Virginia.

Lindsey Lozoskie will be attending Virginia Tech.

Shannon Lozoskie

Erin Miller will be attending the University of Alabama, studying Interior Design.

Sam Ressin will be attending the University of Pittsburgh.

Mollie Schulman will be attending the University of Miami.

Rachel Schwall will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology.

...And of our College Grads!

Joshua Culhane graduated from University of Mary Washington.

Kelsey Friedman graduated from Virginia Tech.

Ellen Falci graduated from Georgetown University.

Robin Falci graduated from James Madison University.

Jacob Miller graduated from Duke University with a degree in neuroscience with Honors. He will be attending Berkeley in California, where he will be working on his Ph.D. in neuroscience. ♦



College Outreach

SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE OUTREACH 2016-2017

By Judy Naiman



For all new and returning college students: *It's time to sign up your student for the College Outreach program.* We send home-made treats, symbols of the holidays, and holiday greetings from NVHC several times a year. We know from the notes we receive from the students as well as the thank you's we receive from parents how much this continuing connection with NVHC means.

Please send both USPS and e-mail addresses to Mozelle at mozelle@nvhcreston.org.

We also need volunteers to help prepare and assemble the packages. You do not have to have a student away from home to participate. Some of our volunteers just like to bake and help out. The time commitment from you is modest. If you are interested in helping or have a question, please contact Judy Naiman at CollegeOutreach@nvhcreston.org. ♦

SISTERHOOD LOOKS FORWARD . . .

By Gail Dezube • Sisterhood Co-President

As Jews, we celebrate a new year in the fall in addition to the secular one in January. But you may not know that June 1st begins the new year for Sisterhood. So let me take this opportunity to welcome you to this new and exciting year!

The new board, installed on May 29th, reflects a mix of old and new members. This year there are three people who will serve in the role as president. Ellen Ranard and Ellice Stern will join me in sharing the office. This will allow for lots of collaboration and brainstorming. We will gratefully have the support of the following wonderful women:

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Liaison Positions/Board Members

Preschool:	Lisa Folb
Religious School:	Lisa Folb
WRJ:	Isabel Einzig-Wein

As you can see, we still need help in the areas of programming and fundraising. Please contact me if you are interested in either of these, even on a short-term basis. We welcome any ideas. If there is a member event or special program or fundraising project that you'd like to see the Sisterhood hold, please let us know. The presidents and the executive board will be meeting over the summer.

While we are planning many things for the year already, there is one that I am most excited about. Ellice Stern received a grant from the Women of Reform Judaism for our Sisterhood to support young women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. This mitzvah will be creative and fun for us, and meaningful for the women we are supporting. As a breast cancer survivor myself, I am thrilled that our Sisterhood will be doing this. *Yasher koach* (kudos) to Ellice for this wonderful opportunity. Members of the entire Congregation will be receiving information about the project in the months to come.

Sisterhood members receive our weekly email, which lets everyone know what is going on. If you don't get yours each Wednesday, please let us know, and Peggy Nelson will make sure that your communications stay up to date. It's the best way for us to reach you with events, news, and plans.

Enjoy the summer! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our fall events. ♦

Life Long Learning - Book Club Selections

We meet on the first Saturday of each month, except where noted, 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

For more information, contact Marjina Kaplan at: marjina2@yahoo.com

August 6th. *Mr. and Mrs. Disraeli: A Strange Romance*, by Daisy Hay. Biography. 308 pp. As the title suggests, this is not a book about politics, though its background is political. It is essentially the story of the couple's intertwined relations as seen through their papers deposited in Oxford's Bodleian Library. The author takes us with style and sensitivity on the couple's journey from courtship, through Disraeli's ascent up the "greasy pole," to their glittering lives at the pinnacle of politics.

***September 10th (one week later because of Labor Day).** *The People of Forever Are Not Afraid*, by Shani Boianjiu. 352 pp. Fiction. This is the story of three girls coming of age — if you can call it that — in the Israeli Defense Forces. More than that, the 25-year-old author, drawing on her own years with the IDF, tells the story of a people's resignation to living in a world that's been strange for so long, they can no longer remember how strange it is. ♦

Inclusion Initiative

By Andrea Vavonese

Vision: Our Inclusion Initiative strives to ensure that all members of the NVHC Congregation are able to participate meaningfully in all spiritual, educational, celebratory and life event activities at the synagogue.

Special Needs Resources: Did you know the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington offers resources for the special needs community?

See <http://www.jccnv.org/specialneeds/special-needs/> and

<http://www.shalomdc.org/disabilitiesandinclusion/> to learn more.

Looking for a Mitzvah Project? If you have an upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah and are looking for a mitzvah project, consider getting involved with the NVHC Inclusion Initiative. There are many ways to become involved. Contact NVHCIclusion@gmail.com for more information.

Get involved: Our next Meeting will be held later this summer, date and time TBD. We welcome all who want to be involved in this important initiative. If you have experience as a person with special needs, a parent or grandparent of a person with special needs, or as a professional in special or general education or counseling, you will provide great value to this initiative, and we encourage you to become involved. If you want to learn more about this initiative, please contact Andrea Vavonese at NVHCIclusion@gmail.com, or visit our webpage at <http://www.nvhcreston.org/live/inclusion/>.

Donate: Your donation supports our ongoing programming and training and will allow us to further the inclusion of individuals with differing abilities in our synagogue. Please make checks payable to: NVHC Inclusion Initiative.

Inclusive Education: Want to send your child to religious school but not sure if NVHC can meet his or her special needs? Please contact Rabbi Jessica Wainer at rabbiwainer@nvhcreston.org. We want to work with you and your children and will do all we can to be flexible and provide support to meet each individual's needs.

Let us know: We want to hear from you. What more can we do to ensure everyone can bring their whole authentic selves to our community? Please contact NVHCIclusion@gmail.com. ♦

Jubilee

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES NVHC 50 — BUILDING TOGETHER

In honor of our Jubilee Year, we would like to collect memories about NVHC. Our hope is to gather enough wonderful moments in our history to create a memory book. To do this we would like everyone to think back about events, people, experiences, and share them with us.

We hope everyone will contribute. Some of you may have many memories. Send them on! If some of you have pictures as well, that would be fantastic!

A couple of us did a little brainstorming about things that may jog your memories. Below is a general list of topics about which you might have a little story – but don't limit yourselves to these. You might remember something we hadn't thought about.

- Forming a congregation
- Naming the congregation
- Early years before we had a building
- Planning for and building our building
- Sunday School and Hebrew School
- Clergy
- Choir
- Preschool
- Brotherhood
- Sisterhood
- Fund Raising
- Rummage Sales
- Road Rally
- Circus
- New York Street Fair
- Golf
- Bowling League
- Book Groups
- Volunteering
- Interfaith Relationships

Please write up your memories and email them to heycarla@comcast.net. And, if you are in touch with folks who have moved away and may have stories to contribute, tell them to send their memories in as well.

Looking forward to hearing from you. ♦

NVHC TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE YEAR!

By Miriam Wolman and Susan Coben

If you're like us, NVHC is a part of your life that is 'always there' for you. But it wasn't always so—50 years ago, our founding members built NVHC out of nothing more than their desire for Jewish connections in the Northern Virginia diaspora. And now, look at all we have: a thriving community of more than 500 families who worship, celebrate, support each other, and learn together. It's only right that we mark such a milestone, and to that end, we will commemorate this remarkable achievement with a year-long series of events and activities.

Our Jubilee theme is "Building Together." This speaks to our collective strength as we adapt to changes around us. It's about nurturing togetherness, enriching our community, fostering ties and working toward common goals. Building is of the past (all we have accomplished, our foundation) and of the future (all that's yet to come). It's physical—our actual synagogue—as well as spiritual, our *nefesh*. So, as you consider the coming year, we encourage you to think about what you're building with NVHC.

Our Jubilee will run through June 2017 (Hebrew year 5777). The year will kick off on September 23rd with the most *haimische* (that is, "warm and welcoming") of events—Shabbat dinners in members' homes. On this amazing night, we will come together as family, sharing challah and wine, blessings and companionship. Sign up to be a host at 50shabbatdinnerhost.eventbrite.com or a guest at 50shabbatdinnerguest.eventbrite.com. And don't worry



if you do not know other members—one of the goals of the Shabbat dinners is to make new friends.

Next will be the High Holidays, when we celebrate *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. During the year, there will be three dedicated Jubilee weekends—M'Sibat NVHC in December, a Weekend of Nourishment in February, and the Jubilee Gala in May—as well as activities that will run throughout the year.

All members will receive a detailed Jubilee calendar that describes the many ways you can be involved. We strongly encourage you to participate and contribute—together we'll build a wonderful celebration of our community.

Looking forward to building and celebrating with you!

P.S. To help make our Jubilee the best it can be, contact us at Jubilee@nvhcreston.org. We need assistance with tasks large and small. Volunteering is a great way to make new friends and help NVHC continue building together! ♦

Jubilee Kick-off Program 50 SHABBAT DINNERS Sponsored by Social Action Committee Friday, September 23, 2016

For one night only, 50 NVHC members will open their homes so we can experience Shabbat dinner together, as a community.



50 hosts are needed.

Visit <https://50shabbatdinnerhost.eventbrite.com> to register by August 15th.

Or sign up to be a guest. Visit <https://50shabbatdinnerguest.eventbrite.com> to register by August 15th.

Act now! This is your opportunity to get together and share a Shabbat potluck dinner with friends (and soon-to-be friends). Good food, good conversation, and an opportunity to relax, kick back, and laugh a little (or maybe a lot).

Questions can be directed to Julie Wallick and Ellen Ranard at: 50shabbatdinners@gmail.com ♦

HOW TO BECOME A MENTOR AT FOREST EDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEGINNING FALL 2016!

Forest Edge Elementary School (FEES) is partnering with NVHC and other organizations to establish a Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) endorsed mentoring program (Mentor Works) for its students. This announcement is a call to NVHC members from your Social Action Committee to volunteer 30 minutes of your time (exclusive of travel) once a week to mentor a student. Preferred times are before school (8:20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.) and during their lunch time (between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.). After school mentoring, if needed, would be 3:35 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.

What is expected of you?

- A weekly commitment to meet with the same student at FEES for 30 minutes.
- Attendance every two months at an after-school activity led by FEES staff involving all mentors and their students for team building and games.
- Attend a training session for mentors at FEES at the beginning of the school year.
- Background screening (including fingerprinting) will be performed by FCPS via a mobile van at the training session.

FCPS information about mentoring is here:

<http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/ssaw/mentorworks/index.shtml>

If you would like to mentor a student at FEES, please contact Ellen Ranard: esranard@gmail.com.

Thanks! ♦



NVHC CARES NEEDS CHALLAH VOLUNTEERS

By Robbie Kaplan

NVHC Cares is in need of challah volunteers. If you can deliver one challah a year, we would love to have you on our volunteer list. You can sign up to deliver a challah that is convenient to your home, and NVHC Cares reimburses for the cost of the challah. In delivering challah, you help in offering support and solace following a death, and participate in joyful beginnings to celebrate a birth or adoption. Here's what our recipients have to say about receiving challah:

"The challah program is such a thoughtful gesture. It's much more personal and meaningful than a card, and the Jewish connection is so important. An easy and appreciated mitzvah!" – Gail Dezube

"Receiving a challah was a lovely and surprising gesture which was much appreciated by both my husband and myself. Thanks again." – Ellen Rugel

Learn more by contacting NVHC Cares at nvhccares@nvhcreston.org.♦

CASINO ROYALE: NVHC IS THE BIG WINNER!

Nearly 140 of NVHC's members and friends joined us on June 4th for the first ever Casino Royale, our Spring fundraising event. The Casino was rocking from the first bite of delicious butlered hors d'oeuvres to the last notes of the DJ, as the dance floor was filled with NVHCers of all ages having fun! From start to finish, the gaming tables were packed as everyone tried their luck or skill at Black Jack, craps, roulette, and poker. Each guest started with a stake of \$25,000 in gaming dollars. By the end of the evening the big winner was Harvey Berger, who had amassed more than \$300,000 worth of chips! Two rounds of Turbo Poker made Andy Cohen and David Greenspan winners. Adam Starr and Faith Rodill shared the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle. NVHC is the BIGGEST winner of all with over \$33,000 raised via Casino Royale.

Thank You All! *Faith Rodill and Susan Trivers, Casino Royale Co-Chairs*



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Yes, things have changed, but some things remain the same. The message of our tradition continues to resonate in the troubled context of American society. We still preach the message of Moses who refused to watch the Egyptian taskmaster degrade and abuse the weak in his midst. And we still see the weak, poor, hungry and degraded suffering even in our neighborhood. We still see institutional racism in the echoes of horrific gunshots across America. We still have demagogues preaching hatred, ignorance and isolation, while running for President.

Then, to be a Jew was to be a minority group, still suffering discrimination in the workplace and schools. To be a Jew was to support Israel and its struggle for survival against the immense power of its neighbors. To be a Jew was to find pride in Israel's survival and cultural quirkiness. And today, we see again the rise of anti-Semitism in our schools, from the media, on Twitter. Today we watch as Israel continues to face violence and attacks, and struggles against the immense power of (Jewish and Arab) inertia in the territories. And today we find even greater pride in Israel's survival and cultural flourishing, but we are troubled about the ethics of Israel's power.

Splurge a little with your time to take advantage of this amazing community and the people in it. Make new friends. Strengthen old friendships. This is a year to recommit ourselves to this wonderful place.

As Reston, Northern Virginia, the DC region and NVHC have grown, we have matured into a community that has fascinating conversations, faces social challenges, and wrestles with hard questions. We stand today again boldly on the edge of Jewish life, but this time it is not a new frontier of American suburbia. Now it is the next evolution of Jewish life in America. We are in the thick of that evolution.

And what makes all of this possible is that we have never lost our original social ethos. Our members desire an unpretentious, open, curious, and welcoming home. We want to connect to others. We want to live a Judaism that is relevant, applicable, inspiring and practical. We want to laugh, sing, dance, and especially eat. We do not judge. We offer more classes, more creative services, more opportunities for service and action, and more caring than any synagogue I know. All of this helped us in the past year create our Vision Statement: NVHC is our **spiritual home**,

where we **connect through community to Judaism that matters**.

Some things have changed, and some remain the same, and through it all are the people who find a Jewish community that enriches and enables a meaningful life.

That is why the focus of our Jubilee year is: ***Building Together***. And that is why we begin the year with a night of 50 Shabbat Dinners. Mark your calendars!!!! **On September 23, 2016, there will be no Friday Night Services at NVHC.** Instead we invite you to host or be hosted at a Shabbat dinner in someone's home. We can help you set up the dinner. We can provide someone to say the blessings and bring the ritual objects you will need. We can even help fill the table. But we need all of our members to open doors, tables, hearts and minds. We need to get outside our individual social bubbles and meet new people whether we are hosting or being hosted. This is a time to build new connections in our community. (See page 10 for more information.)

And after 9/23, we have our next big event on the calendar: the ***High Holy Days***. As you have heard, we will be in our building this year with an array of service options that will enliven our worship and enable us to be in our home. Our sanctuary and building carry memories. This is the place where our children have been named and come of age into young adulthood. This is the place where couples commit to their love and get married. This is the place where so many have stood to publicly declare their faith and join the Jewish people. This is the place where we pray for healing and support those who grieve. Our building carries so many memories, and so much meaning. When we address God and consider the Book of Life, we do it best in our own home. That we move home this year, during our Jubilee, makes sense. (You will receive more information by mail, email and on the website about details.)

And the events will continue throughout the year, with time to reflect, time to learn and time to celebrate (and, of course, eat). As you receive information about the Jubilee events (as with all of our programming), try something new. Attend something you may never have attended in the past. Splurge a little with your time to take advantage of this amazing community and the people in it. Make new friends. Strengthen old friendships. This is a year to recommit ourselves to this wonderful place.

Much has changed in 50 years, but much has stayed the same. Judaism continues to inspire our lives and NVHC is the vehicle through which we act on that inspiration. I look forward to celebrating with you. ♦

time!) to really prepare for a trip – beyond planning the actual travel and lodging details, I feel like I get so much more out of the experience. The same is true if I listen to the music of a Broadway show in advance of seeing it. The reality is that for many reasons, both intentional and inadvertent, we all come to the variety of encounters and moments throughout our lives with different amounts of preparation and advance leg-work. Some of us travel with no itinerary; some like every moment planned. Most of us are somewhere in between. At times, there may even be value in surprise and the unexpected; even so, for the really big things in life, we do at least a little bit of preparation.

The Hebrew month of *Elul* is the month prior to *Rosh Hashanah*. It is a built-in period of preparation for the High Holy Days of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* that occur in the Hebrew month of *Tishrei*. Historically, it is the month in which Moses ascended to Mount Sinai a second time, for a period of 40 days (after the Golden Calf incident), beginning from *Rosh Chodesh Elul* (the beginning of *Elul* – which this year is **September 3rd**) through *Yom Kippur*, when he descended with the second tablets of the covenant. There is a hint that God is particularly close to us, based on a verse from Song of Songs, that says, “*I am for my Beloved and my Beloved is for me*” (in Hebrew: *Ani L'Dodi v'Dodi Li*). The first letters of each word in the phrase spell *Elul*, and the last letters in Hebrew have a numerical value totaling 40. This alludes to the 40-day period that begins with *Elul* and goes through *Yom Kippur*; during these 40 days, it is all about our *teshuvaḥ* – our repentance – in which we bring our hearts nearer to our beloved (God) and God accepts our *teshuvaḥ* in love.

The month of *Elul* becomes the opportunity to read ahead, to reacquaint ourselves with the special holiday melodies, to review the ‘libretto’ – the words, the music of the High Holy Day *machzor* (prayerbook), to come to the whole experience with a little bit more insight. I think it is less about how much we do, but rather that we take even one moment before the holidays are upon us, to reflect upon what is important to us, what we hold dear, what we hope for, what we hope to leave behind, and what we hope to become.

It is told that the Seer of Lublin, when asked for one general way to serve God, replied:

“It is impossible to tell a person what way he or she should take. For one way to serve God is through learning, another through prayer, another through fasting, and still another through eating. Everyone should carefully observe what way the heart draws toward, and then choose this way with all of one’s strength.”¹

Each of us has our own heart path to listen to, with many ways to prepare for the High Holy Days – some spruce up wardrobes, some give extra *tzedakah*; some give an extra cleaning to their homes, or prepare special meals for family and friends. For the last number of years, we have added to the opportunities to prepare one’s life and heart by creating a set of texts for learning and reflection, to help ourselves to what our tradition calls a ‘*cheshbon hanefesh*’ – an accounting of the soul. To note, the word *Elul* also has the numerical value of the word *binah*, meaning ‘understanding.’ It is through understanding – comprehension and learning – that we will find our *teshuvaḥ*, as Isaiah 6:10 teaches: “*And the people’s heart will understand, repent, and be healed.*” *Elul*, then, is the time of our own understanding of ourselves, which will lead us to repentance and wholeness.

We will begin our *Elul* journey on Shabbat morning, **September 3rd**. Please join us – spiritual work can seem daunting; I hope to make it within anyone’s reach, because I believe it is so important and valuable. If you want to explore this journey, but can’t make it that morning, don’t worry – the texts and guidelines will be available in our office throughout the month for you to pick up at your convenience. Even if you come to it later in the month, the gift of insight and focus you give to yourself is never belated.

May we each carefully observe what way our heart draws toward, and then choose that way with all of our strength. ♦

¹Martin Buber, *Tales of the Hasidim: The Early Masters*, (translated by Olga Marx, NY: Schocken Books, 1961), p. 313.

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WE ARE CATALOGED!

By Ted Smith • Librarian

In a comment to the NVHC board on January 10, 1983, Ruth Hershkowitz, principal of the religious school from 1974 to 1984, noted, “*The congregation library and the religious school library have accumulated a large number of books via random accessions. As a first step, these books have to be catalogued.*” (1983 spelling; cf. mike vs. mic)

Well, Ruth, we reached that goal, only 33 years later. On April 21, 2016, cataloging of the collection was completed, culminating an effort that began on November 16, 2007. About 6,500 titles have been cataloged (representing a somewhat greater number of actual books), with nearly 1,100 titles in the “juvenile” section (library speak for the preliterate through secondary age groups). There are more than 300 titles in the liturgical section (NVHC’s *geniza* containing all sorts and ages of prayer books, *haggadahs*, and Bibles in multiple copies as well as Talmudic and rabbinic volumes) and nearly 200 titles in the reference section (encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, gazetteers, and the like). The balance are in the adult section.

The library has been the recipient of a large volume of donations and acquisitions from numerous sources in the past year. Our donations are attributable to the four Ds--downsizing, departure, death, and divorce--the same sources of supply for the inventories of used-book stores mentioned in a Washington Post article last December on their surprising survival in a period of print decline. Our donors include Ronni Jolles, Andrew Stein and Kim Arnstine, Vivian Kramish, Eric and Bess Eisenstadt, Theodore Smith, NVHC Lifelong Learning, Estelle Goodman, Beverly O’Brien, Seldon Kruger, Rabbi Rosalind Gold, Marsha Sheinman, Shari Greifner, Amy Alderfer, Larry Snowwhite, Leslie Link, Cantor Susan Caro, Adam Cohn, Rabbi Michael Holzman, Linda Perlstein, Marissa Levin, Jon Giroisser and Hana Newcomb, Judi Naiman, Ellen Gale, Sandee and Ed Byrne, Marjina Kaplan, Laura Kohl and family, Jane Gerson, Jean Gold, Don Copley, and our staunch supporter Anonymous. Please let us know if we have omitted anyone. We are grateful to each of you for helping to bring the library to its current high standard.

The largest donation in the past year was made by the religious school, which transferred its comprehensive teachers’ resource library for incorporation into the NVHC library’s general collection, almost all in the juvenile section. This, along with the addition of about 1,000 adult titles over the past three years, required a complete re-shelving and winnowing of the circulating (adult and juvenile) sections. As we have found room for new donations and acquisitions, our stock of duplicates has grown apace. Now we are out of room to store them. A Washington Post article in May discussed at length the difficulties in disposing of used books. Our duplicates are mostly Judaica, and all deserve a new home. If any of you would like to add titles to your personal libraries, please contact me, and

we can arrange a viewing. For example, we have available two sets of the classic *Encyclopedia Judaica*. At the same time, we would appreciate suggestions of institutions that might benefit from our bounty, because we have found that the usual recipients of our books (all for free) have declined further offers or have disappeared.

On a more prosaic note, now that most of our books are in new locations, when you wish to return items you may have borrowed, please do not put them on the shelf you may remember having taken them from. Please leave them in the book drop, the large wooden box on wheels just outside the library door. We are, of course, grateful for any returns no matter how long the books or other items have been absent from our collection. Among donations, we regularly find items borrowed before the library’s big move in 2006. Recently, we received a book that was borrowed more than 20 years ago. The patron had taken very good care of the book, which was in better shape than the companion volumes that had been sitting on our shelves during that period.

In the last year there have been several instances of patrons removing current magazines from the library with no indication of who took them. Sadly, the magazines are not returned, which deprives other patrons of the opportunity to read them. Please remember that the library and its contents belong to everyone in the congregation. The principle of *res nullius* (what belongs to everyone belongs to no one and so is open to appropriation by anyone) does not, or at least should not, apply here.

As it is, print magazines in general are facing hard times. It was with some surprise that we learned that the magazine Reform Judaism, a quarterly with a circulation of about 300,000, was axed by the URJ in 2014. We received no notice of its death. There is an online version of the magazine, but the reading experience is not the same. With this latest gap in our periodicals display, we welcome your suggestions for a replacement magazine of Jewish interest.

We want to express our thanks and appreciation for the various donations to the Library Fund that have been listed in the past year in the newsletter. To be on the safe side in terms of its future use, we are taking into account the increasing age of our cataloging software. It was last revised and updated in 2007, which makes it positively antique. It worked seamlessly with the various Microsoft platforms that NVHC has used over the years, but, since NVHC moved to Windows 7, where it sits today, we have had to open the cataloging module through a virtual XP program, which has a few wrinkles. There is the possibility that this option will die once NVHC moves beyond Windows 7, and we will have to see if the company that created

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the cataloging software comes up with a new patch, or advises us to get a whole new system.

In closing we note with sadness the death of Manny Hershkowitz, Ruth's husband and staunch supporter as she provided firm guidance to NVHC during its *lifetimes* years, and carried around the administrative guts of the school in the trunk of her car while the school and congregation wandered from place to place until we had a unified and fixed location on Wiehle Avenue in 1981. During these years, Manny helped Ruth as she packed and unpacked the library, which resided in a large metal cabinet that followed our migrations, until our growing collection found a home in a utility closet (which after several transformations is once again a utility closet) in the new building even before it was formally dedicated.

We also have recently learned of the death of Wilma Mendelson, who was an active member of NVHC in the early 1970s and president of Sisterhood. Wilma was married to Eric and mother of Susie (Susana) and at the time of her death, was the grandmother of a girl and a boy. As time passes, it is inevitable that we lose the living links to NVHC's early years. We mourn these losses. ♦

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To Erin DiManno, on the death of her grandmother, Joy Chadwick
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To Jon Wilkenfeld, on the death of his uncle, David Shuster
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